

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION SCHEME FOR ENCROACHERS OF SANJAY GANDHI RASHTRIYA UDYAN

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai High Court has once again issued directives in October/November, 2003 regarding rehabilitation proposal of encroachers of Sanjay Gandhi Rashtriya Udyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of encroachers and their response to the Rehabilitation Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI. T. R. BAALU)

(a) The Mumbai High Court by their order dated 15th September 2003 in Writ Petition No. 305/95 has issued directives regarding rehabilitation proposal of encroachers of Sanjay Gandhi Rashtriya Udyan.

(b) The directives of the High Court are mentioned below:

(1) that the eligible encroachers with respect to the voters list of 1st January 1995, who have not yet deposited the amount of Rs. 7000/-, to avail the benefit of rehabilitation, should deposit the amount before 15th December 2003.

(2) that all the encroachments in Sanjay Gandhi National Park should be removed before 15th March 2004.

(c) The total number of eligible encroachers is around 33000. So far, upto 2-12-2003, only 11092 encroachers have deposited the amount, out of which 7281 have been allotted plots in village Shirdhon and 619 in Badlapur and Ambarnath. There is no response regarding shifting from encroachers from the present site as the new site, according to them, is far away from Mumbai.